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True Grit: Salt, Sand, and Skill at High Point

By Howard Gensler

Winter is coming.

This well-known saying from Game of Thrones could also be the motto of NJDOT's High Point Maintenance Yard. In the upper reaches of the northern part of New Jersey, winter is always coming, and the workers who oversee winter readiness and road safety in the north are always preparing for winter.

Why?

Because, as any Game of Thrones fan knows, the North remembers.

"Because of the elevation in the North region, we deal with different, harsh weather conditions, including and not limited to snow, ice, and freezing fog," said Fred Forster, NJDOT's area supervisor.

Only a few drops of rain in Trenton could mean snowy roads in Sussex County, where the temperatures may be 10 to 20 degrees colder. To battle the elements, Forster said the High Point Yard is stocked with 700 tons of salt, 1,100 gallons of liquid calcium, and 300 tons of grit. At the High Point location, they also use brine – but not to make corned beef. The mixture of salt and water is spread on roads as a pre-treatment before storms.

The grit and salt don't magically find themselves on the roads, however. It takes a force of dedicated drivers and maintenance crews to make sure trucks are operating, have the correct equipment, and are where they're needed.

"We're always prepping for winter. Always," said Danielle Roman, North Region Operations Director. "You're either in winter or prepping for winter."

Roman said the preparations begin in earnest in September, "when we have what's called the 'Road-E-O'. We get our new hires and our new drivers into a truck. They put a plow on, and they practice [driving]. We do a whole course, and we grade them on it."

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Around the end of October, the Yard puts salt in the trucks and the plows on. And then they practice on a course and/or go out on the road. It's a dry run before the wet stuff comes.

When the snow and ice hits, the job itself can be treacherous, so drivers are comforted knowing everyone is trained and the plows are ready to roll.

"Our garages spend quite a bit of time, preparing our trucks and equipment," Forster said. "They make sure everything is in proper working order. Our personnel take great pride in cleaning the trucks, maintaining the trucks, making sure everything is working properly."

Technology also plays a part.

"We have a lot of resources," Roman explained. "We have a tracking mechanism for our trucks, so we know where they go." The trucks also have cameras and can monitor both the air and road temperatures. They are also calibrated to spread the correct amount of product to melt ice or provide grip.

And even with all the science and weather reports being constantly updated, there's nothing that replaces the knowledge of drivers sensing the traction themselves.

"Our guys are out there riding the roads," Roman said. "They're not sitting behind a desk. They're driving the areas and calling in conditions to their supervisors: 'Hey, it's icy up on 94. I need you to get over here.' 'On 23 up the mountain it's getting bad.' But they're also confirming when conditions are improving, saying, 'Hey, this area's good. You don't have to salt here.'"

"Communication is a big thing during a storm up and down the chain of command," Roman added.

NJDOT drivers are also another set of eyes and are on the lookout for problems. "We always have radios and cell phones, and we're in constant communication during a weather event," Roman said. "If anything happens while our people are on the road, they immediately call it in and help is immediately dispatched, whether it's a tow truck or the state police."

And while some of these crashes can be attributed to the elements, the most dangerous element is often the human one. Everyone would be safer, if drivers were more careful.

"In bad weather, people need to slow down," said Forster, who emphasized that speed limits are determined for ideal conditions. "Pay attention to the weather reports. Look at the news. Think ahead and be prepared. Care about yourself and everybody else. You don't want to hurt anybody. "

Roman agreed. "If you have an all-wheel drive car or an SUV, that doesn't make you invincible. It doesn't make it any better for you to drive faster than everybody else because it's not only about you." Roman urged drivers of the bigger vehicles out on the road to be aware of the smaller, older cars, where the driver may be white knuckling a snowy patch only to be blinded by the headlights of a tailgating truck. The older car may not have the pick-up on a ramp or a merge, so everyone needs to be a little more patient.

Roman also urged motorists to be respectful of the NJDOT crews trying to make everyone else's ride safer.

"They're picking up litter and cleaning graffiti and mowing the shoulders," she said of her crews. "It's not a glamorous job, and they're out there doing a service that not everybody would want to do. And sometimes people are literally throwing their trash at them. So just be a little bit more respectful, because we're out here working our butts off to make sure that the motoring public is safe and that our roads are the best in the world."

Meet the Executive Leadership Team

Profile #3

Kelly Hutchinson NJDOT
Assistant Commissioner of Administration

Years of Service: 20
10 Years with NJDOT
First Position at NJDOT:
Personal Assistant 1
Kelly says it's... PORK ROLL

What's your favorite thing about New Jersey?
I love New Jersey! New Jersey's mix of farms, mountains, beaches, small towns, and big cities truly offers a unique blend of experiences. You can enjoy nature, urban life, and everything in between – all within a short drive! Not to mention, how close we are to Philly, New York and DC!

What advice have you received from a mentor that you would or have pass(ed) down to a colleague?
No matter your role, be true to yourself. And always be kind and give people grace, you never know what they might be going through.

What's your go-to karaoke song?
Meat Loaf – "Paradise by the Dashboard Light"

If a movie was made about your life, who would play you?
Emily Blunt or Kristen Wiig

What is your favorite part about working for NJDOT?
The people!

Over the next few months, you will have an opportunity to get to know our Senior Staff in this continuing feature of the *Transporter*

Innovative Intersections

By Lizzy Galamba

In early November, NJDOT installed life-saving technologies along Route 1&9 in Elizabeth. The Red-Light Extension, or "Jersey Extension," and Passive Pedestrian Detection systems with Leading Pedestrian Intervals were installed at the East Jersey Street, Fairmount Avenue and North Avenue intersections to improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and other vulnerable roadways users.

"We have installed proven safety countermeasures that use advanced technology to reduce crashes involving pedestrians at these intersections along Route 1&9. This marks a significant step forward in our mission to improve roadway safety here in Elizabeth, and is just one part of NJDOT's broader, proactive approach to roadway safety. Safety has to be a way of life for all of us," NJDOT Commissioner Fran O'Connor said at a press conference held in Elizabeth on December 17. There, he was joined by Jaime Oplinger, Director of NJDOT's Bureau of Traffic Engineering; Assemblywoman Annette Quijano; Assemblyman Reginald W. Atkins; and Leigh Ann Von Hagen, Executive Director of the Rutgers University Voorhees Transportation Center.

NJDOT is a national trailblazer with the installation of Jersey Extension technology. The system uses 360-degree cameras and radar detectors to detect vehicles in the intersection and approaching the intersection too fast, right when the signal turns red. If vehicles are detected, the signal remains red for all approaches allowing the vehicle to clear the intersection. This helps mitigate "close calls" and prevent what could be a severe crash.

"I'm happy that the state of New Jersey is a trailblazer for this preemptive technology. It's going to save lives," Assemblyman Atkins said. "This technology is important to the fathers who are walking their children to school. It's important for the mothers who have their children in strollers trying to get across the roadway. It's important to the senior citizens who are just trying to go and get some coffee."

The Department piloted the first Jersey Extension system at three high-incident intersections on Route 129 in Trenton. Since installing these countermeasures in the fall of 2022, crashes involving pedestrians have been reduced by more than half.

"These projects underscore our unwavering commitment to pedestrian safety and improving transportation infrastructure for all who live, work, and travel in Union County," Assemblywoman Quijano said. "Safety is not a one-time goal. It's a continuous commitment. Together, we can ensure that projects like these serve as a blueprint for building safer, more accessible communities across our state."

The Passive Pedestrian Detection has become industry standard and is being deployed statewide. Unlike traditional systems that require a person to push a button, the same 360-degree cameras passively detect pedestrians or bicyclists waiting to cross Route 1&9 and activates the walk signal.

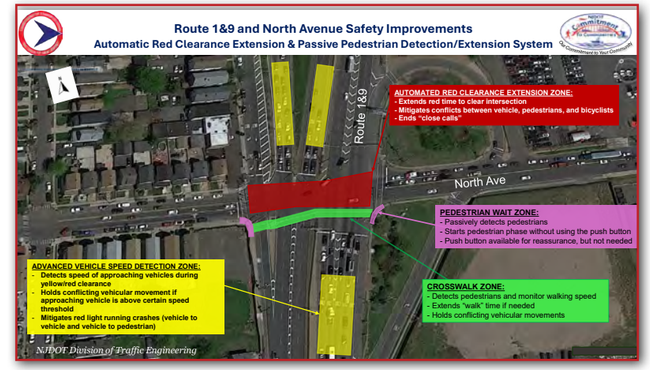
In addition, the walk signal starts while all approaches remain red. This is called a Leading Pedestrian Interval and gives the pedestrians a few seconds head start to establish themselves in the intersection before parallel traffic gets the green light. These systems have been proven to reduce the number of crashes and fatalities for both vehicles and pedestrians.

The cameras then continue to detect and monitor the pedestrian or bicyclist in the crosswalk. If more time is needed for the person to cross, the light remains red to all approaches before giving a green light to conflicting traffic. This feature helps vulnerable users such as seniors or individuals with mobility challenges by providing more time to safely cross Route 1&9.

"We call these quick fix projects that can be implemented relatively quickly, are cost effective and do not require changing existing pavement," NJDOT BTE Director Oplinger said. "Quick fix projects are often done while larger capital projects are going through design, which can take a few years. In fact, we have two capital projects currently in design to make improvements on Route 1&9 from Dennis Place in Linden to East Grand in Elizabeth, and further improvements at North Avenue and Spring Street… While these capital projects will make significant safety improvements, the New Jersey Department of Transportation is committed to making a difference, now. Quick fix projects like what we have done here can make a real impact, immediately, in improving safety on our roadways for all users.

These improvements are particularly meaningful to Executive Director Von Hagen, who took to the podium and bravely shared her family's personal experience in losing a loved one at the hands of a reckless driver.

"Unfortunately, earlier this year, my own family had a tragic experience when my brother-in-law was killed by a driver, while he was crossing the street. So, I do understand that sudden, heartbreaking loss, and that's something my family will carry forever," Executive Director Von Hagen said. "I really send out my condolences to all the families across the state who have a similar experience and grieve every day, but I think it's that pain that brings us here today. It pushes us not just to talk about the challenges we face, but to take real action for the most vulnerable people on our roads, whether somebody is walking or bicycling or in a wheelchair or using an assistive device or an e-bike or an e-scooter. Every individual deserves roads that prioritize their safety and dignity."


Route 1&9 and North Avenue Safety Improvements
Automatic Red Clearance Extension & Passive Pedestrian Detection/Extension System
AUTOMATED RED CLEARANCE EXTENSION ZONE:
- Extends red time to clear intersection
- Mitigates conflicts between vehicle, pedestrians, and bicyclists
- Ends "close calls"
Route 1&9
North Ave
PEDESTRIAN WAIT ZONE:
- Passively detects pedestrians
- Starts pedestrian phase without using the push button
- Push button available for reassurance, but not needed
ADVANCED VEHICLE SPEED DETECTION ZONE:
- Detects speed of approaching vehicles during yellow/red clearance
- Holds conflicting vehicular movement if approaching vehicle is above certain speed threshold
- Mitigates red light running crashes (vehicle to vehicle and vehicle to pedestrian)
CROSSWALK ZONE:
- Detects pedestrians and monitor walking speed
- Extends "walk" time if needed
- Holds conflicting vehicular movements
NJDOT Division of Traffic Engineering

Route 1&9 and Fairmount Avenue Safety Improvements
Automatic Red Clearance Extension & Passive Pedestrian Detection/Extension System
AUTOMATED RED CLEARANCE EXTENSION ZONE:
- Extends red time to clear intersection
- Mitigates conflicts between vehicle, pedestrians, and bicyclists
- Ends "close calls"
Route 1&9
Fairmount Ave
PEDESTRIAN WAIT ZONE:
- Passively detects pedestrians
- Starts pedestrian phase without using the push button
- Push button available for reassurance, but not needed
ADVANCED VEHICLE SPEED DETECTION ZONE (TO BE INSTALLED):
- Detects speed of approaching vehicles during yellow/red clearance
- Holds conflicting vehicular movement if approaching vehicle is above certain speed threshold
- Mitigates red light running crashes (vehicle to vehicle and vehicle to pedestrian)
CROSSWALK ZONE:
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- Extends "walk" time if needed
- Holds conflicting vehicular movements
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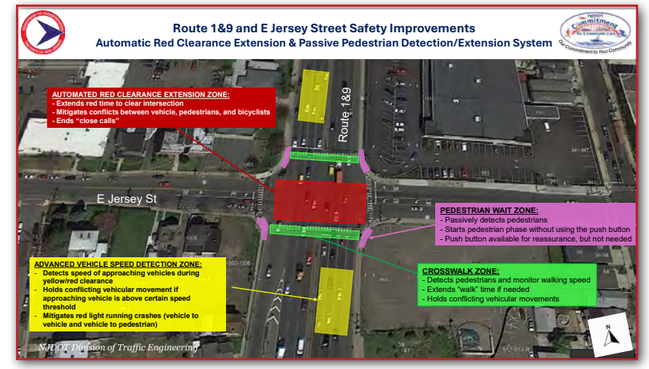
Route 1&9 and E Jersey Street Safety Improvements
Automatic Red Clearance Extension & Passive Pedestrian Detection/Extension System
AUTOMATED RED CLEARANCE EXTENSION ZONE:
- Extends red time to clear intersection
- Mitigates conflicts between vehicle, pedestrians, and bicyclists
- Ends "close calls"
Route 1&9
E Jersey St
PEDESTRIAN WAIT ZONE:
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Kindness Korner
Chain Reaction: Parking Etiquette

By Nick DeJohn

Think something as routine as parking your car can't affect an entire state agency? Consider this...

On a bustling Monday morning at NJDOT, the parking lot was nearly full. Running late to an important meeting, Jerry hastily parked his car across two spaces. This careless act led other employees to follow suit, resulting in chaos.

Elaine, a new hire, struggled to find a spot. She thought she found one next to Jerry's car but realized there wasn't enough room. Anxious about being late during her first week, she reluctantly parked in a slot reserved for disabled drivers, leaving a note promising to move soon.

Shortly after, George, who uses a wheelchair, arrived to find his space taken. Frustrated and running late, he parked behind Elaine's car and went inside to report the issue.

Meanwhile, Elaine, worried about her car, couldn't concentrate on her work, impacting her team's productivity. George's complaint reached the building manager, prompting a meeting about parking etiquette, disrupting the day's agenda. Notices were sent out, and the space debacle became office gossip.

By day's end, both Jerry and Elaine learned valuable lessons. Jerry vowed to park more carefully, and Elaine promised to park legally, even if it meant a longer walk, to avoid future hassles. This incident reminds us that even mundane actions like parking your car require proper attention, and that the smallest of actions can snowball into the biggest of consequences.

Remember to always give yourself plenty of time to get to work in the morning, especially in inclement weather. Running late can generate feelings of anxiety, which can manifest as speeding, road rage and aggressive driving, leading to avoidable crashes. Leaving on time, or even ahead of schedule, not only avoids parking debacles, but makes our roadways safer.

Kramer says...

Did you know the blocked off box in between parking spots reserved for persons with limited mobility is designed for wheelchair ramps? Parking, even slightly, inside the box, means a wheelchair user cannot get into or out of their car. Never block the box!

News & Notes

News & Notes is a collection of employee awards, retirements, service anniversaries and other shareable and NJDOT pride-producing news.

NJDOT Holiday Parties

NJDOT Donation Collections

By Lizzy Galamba

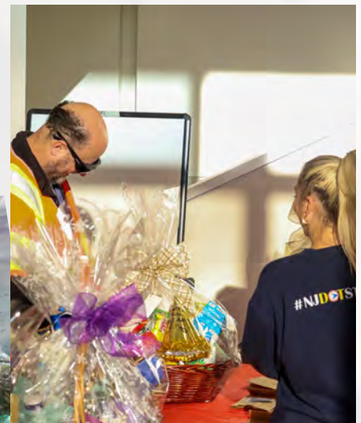
The 2024 Charitable Campaign will wrap on January 15, 2025, and the 2025 Charitable Campaign will begin in September. Many thanks are owed to ***Lisa Zacchino*** and ***Danielle King*** in CPM for leading the campaign for two years and to all of the other organizers, including ***Meg Frampton***, ***Teresa Manna***, ***Janice DeJohn***, ***Kristen Miller, Vanessa Holman*** and the NJDOT Employee Memorial Committee, who have organized the Toys for Tots Drive, Basket Raffle, bake sales, and pretzel sales.

TOYS FOR TOTS®

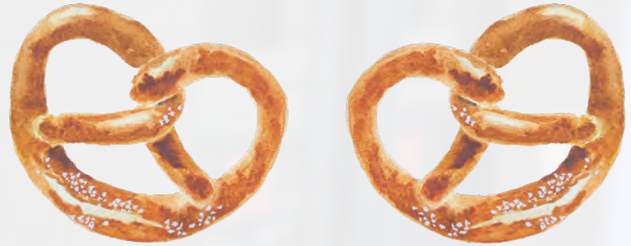
NJDOT employees contributed 381 items to the Kern Family's Toys for Tots collection. Overall, the Kern Family donated 1,000 toys to Toys for Tots in memory of Dave Kern.

The Holiday Basket Raffle

brought in $3,200 for NJDOT's Employee Memorial Campaign!



In December, the Charitable Campaign hosted a stress cone sale and pretzel sale that raised $1,222!



Since the start of FY 2025, NJDOT employees raised *$21,876* for the Department's charitable efforts.

NJDOT'S 11TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY SEASON OF SERVICE FOOD DRIVE

Donations accepted until *Tuesday 1/21/25*

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

- **EWING HEADQUARTERS:** E&O MOB + F&A LOBBIES
- **REGION NORTH:** MOUNT ARLINGTON LOBBY
- **REGION CENTRAL:** E&O, 4TH FLOOR
  YARDS: SAND HILL, LAKEWOOD, LAWRENCE, BEDMINSTER + FREEHOLD
- **REGION SOUTH:** CHERRY HILL LOBBY
- **BORDENTOWN TRAINING CENTER:** NEAR THE GUARD'S STATION

POINT OF CONTACT

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- **REGION NORTH:** ELYCE GRATALE 973-810-9073
- **REGION CENTRAL:** LAUREN LASKY 609-963-1284
- **REGION SOUTH:** LISA LAGGY + TIFFANY REYNOLDS 856-414-8537
- **BORDENTOWN TRAINING CENTER:** ERIC WALTERS 609-817-9452

Thank you in advance for your generous donations!

ITEMS NEEDED

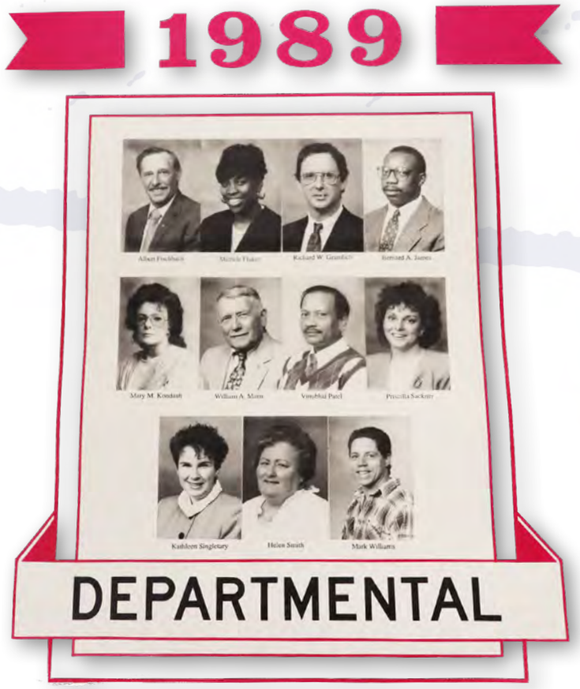
Nonperishable, unexpired, unopened food

Health/Sanitary products

Generations of Dedication: One Family's Legacy at NJDOT

By Mariah Kondash

Fig. 1



On December 1, 2024, my grandfather, Thomas Kondash Sr., passed away to join my grandmother, Mary Dobo-Kondash, nearly 16 years after her passing. In their lifetime, they enjoyed going on cruises, time with family, and spoiling their three grandchildren. However, they also left behind decades of accomplishments here at the Department of Transportation. My father, Thomas Kondash Jr., and I continue in their footsteps, hoping to meet the expectations that their dedication to the Department has set.

It was 1963 when Thomas Sr. and Mary started at what was then known as the New Jersey Highway Department. They both started in the Division of Right of Way (ROW), Thomas Sr. as a ROW Negotiator and Mary as a Secretary-Stenographer. Mary worked her way up and became Administrative Assistant to the Bureau Manager of Property and Relocation. Before her retirement in 1994, she transcribed the entirety of the Acquisition Manual for the Division and was featured as an Employee of the Year in 1989. Thomas Sr. initially worked out of several ROW satellite offices and then completed his career out of the Mount Laurel, Southern Regional office as a Principal ROW Supervisor of the Condemnation Section. He handled some of the most difficult condemnation cases for acquisitions of properties to complete the Interstate Highway System, especially for Interstates 295 and 195.

Thomas Jr. graduated from Kent State University in 1991 with a degree in design. While looking for architectural rendering employment that summer and fall, his mother encouraged him to apply for a position in the Division of Design and Right of Way. Like his father, he started as a negotiator and eventually got to use his design skills in the engineering field. Within his 34 years at the Department, he enhanced the design of projects including the project scope development and design for the Routes 73/70 Interchange to replace the Marlton Circle and is now the Director of Alternative Project Delivery.

Fig. 1 1989 Employees of the Year

Fig. 2

I graduated in 2022 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in illustration and a minor in film. It took me two years of searching for jobs that would fulfill my creative skills, before I started at NJDOT as a TES in the Communications Office. Before I even started, this place felt like a second home from the years of my dad bringing me into the office to show off his "artistic daughter." Now that I am employed here, I am always crossing paths with people that have known me since I was in elementary school that are happy to see another generation of Kondash's working at NJDOT.

My father and I share the similarity that NJDOT came into our lives when we needed a place where our design talents could flourish. It just so happens that this place gave us the outlet to explore our skills in a way that also betters our home of New Jersey. My father gets to use his talents to help design safer roads for NJ motorists, and I have the privilege of working with an amazing team here in the Communications Office that encourage me to use my creativity to make the goals of NJDOT available to the public.

Fig. 3

Continuing the legacy of my grandparents and father fills me with pride especially when looking at how much they contributed to both the Department and the state of New Jersey as a whole. With my grandfather's passing, and the almost 100 combined years of dedication our family has put into NJDOT, it feels especially paramount to be a hard-working, positive person that builds upon this legacy of dedication.

Fig. 2 The Acquisition Manual for The ROW Division
Fig. 3 Left to Right: Mary Dobo-Kondash, Thomas Kondash Jr., and Thomas Kondash Sr.

2024 in the Rearview

By Lizzy Galamba

Jan. 25 – Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti bids farewell to NJDOT

Feb. 6 – Operations Service Awards

Feb. 12 –Commissioner O'Connor's 1st Day at NJDOT

Feb. 22 – The 3rd class of NJDOT's PEDE Program graduates

Feb. 29 – NJDOT recognizes Black History Month

Mar. 4 – Annual Pothole Repair Campaign begins

Mar. 8 – "Take a Paws" Therapy Day

Mar. 15 – NJDOT's Women's History Month Celebration

Apr. 4 – Work Zone Safety Conference

Oct. 23 – NJDOT Research Showcase

Oct. 24 – Diwali Celebration

Oct. 25 – Trunk or Treat

Oct. 21 – NJDOT Service Awards

Oct. 10 – Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

Oct. 15 – FIFA World Cup Peer Exchange

Oct. 1 – Region North Safety Service Patrol 30th Anniversary Celebration

Nov. 4 – Region South CPM Service Awards

Nov. 7 – Ensign John R. Elliot Memorial Interchange Dedication Ceremony

Nov. 13 – Central Region CPM Service Awards

Nov. 25-26 – Native American Heritage Month Exhibit

Nov. 28 – Missing Moves Completion First Anniversary

Dec. 10 – Region South Holiday Party

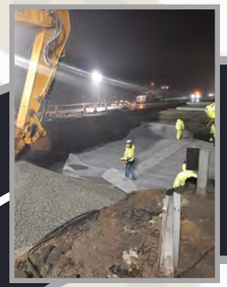
Dec. 16 – Region North Holiday Party

Dec. 19 – Central Region Holiday Party

Dec. 12 – CFO Awards Ceremony

Dec. 17 – NJDOT announces intersection improvements along Route 1&9 in Elizabeth

Dec. 26 – I-80 eastbound closed after 40-foot by 40-foot sinkhole opens up



Dec. 30 – I-80 eastbound reopens after crews repaired the sinkhole

Sept. 5 – Backyard Olympics

Sept. 5 – NJDOT E&O 1st Floor Grand Re-opening

Sept. 11-24 – Annual Remembrance Day Ceremony

Sept. 25 – Region South Safety Service Patrol 30th Anniversary Celebration

May 29 – Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration

May 31 – Bordentown Training Facility's First Anniversary

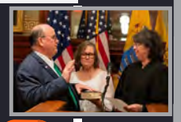
May 28 – Commissioner O'Connor welcomes NJDOT's Summer Interns

May 25 – Take Your Child to Work Day

May 13 – Portal North Bridge reaches 50 percent completion

Aug. 8 – Summer interns present their work to NJDOT's Executive Staff

Aug. 12 – Commissioner Fran O'Connor sworn in



July 18 – Annual Contraflow Exercise

July 12 – Design-Build Seminar

June 24-28 – Employee Recognition Week

June 14 – Temporary Route 15 southbound Bridge over Rockaway River opened to traffic

New Year, New Hobby

By Lizzy Galamba

New Year's resolutions can be hard to keep, and the motivation to stick to these goals often burns out by February. Clubs offer a designated time and space to work towards resolutions without overwhelming your schedule, while broadening your social horizons.

Make 2025 your year and consider joining a club offered here at NJDOT:

NJDOT Book Club: "Feeding Your Mind Over Lunch"

Description: A monthly discussion of a predetermined book.

Meetings: Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month.

Time: 12 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Contact: Ryan.Reali@dot.nj.gov

Chess Club

Description: Get together with a group of employees to play a casual game of chess. All levels of play are welcome.

Meetings: Meetings are held daily.

Time: 12 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Location: E&O Training Room 6B, 6th Floor

Contact: DOT-Chess.Club@dot.nj.gov

Coneheads: Softball for Fun

Description: We play in the Golden Dome Softball League. Ladies and gentlemen are welcome.

Meetings: Games are played once a week.

Time: TBD

Location: The location is usually Armstrong Park, but it can vary.

Contact: Scott.Malinoski@dot.nj.gov

NJDOT Mixed Bowling League

Description: For $16.00 a night, you can play three games on a five-person mixed team (all-gendered). Space is available for whole teams, but individuals are also welcomed to join, both full-time and part-time. A banquet is also held at the end of the season!

Meetings: Games are played once a week on Tuesdays, between September 5th and mid-April (30-week season).

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Slocum's Bowling Center: 1675 Pennington Road (Route 31), Ewing, NJ 08618

Contact: GreogryW.Harbach@dot.nj.gov

Toastmasters Club

Description: The NJDOT Toastmasters Club provides its members with the opportunity to develop and improve their public speaking, communication and leadership skills in a safe comfortable environment.

Meetings: Meetings are held bi-weekly, on the first, third and fifth Tuesday of every month.

Time: 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Location: Hybrid Meetings; MOB Conference Room 2502C, 2nd Floor and on Microsoft Teams

Contact: DOT-Toastmasters.Club@dot.nj.gov

New Jersey Department of Transportation Retirees Association (DOTRA): "Path Pavers – Together Forever"

Description: For just $10 a year you can be an active member of DOTRA. Or, better yet, become a Lifetime member for just $75. Membership does not require any work on your part, it just gives you the ability to be informed about and attend DOTRA's events so you can see former co-workers and friends.

You don't have to wait to retire to join! If you're still working and at least 50 years young, we'd love to have you as a DOTRA member.

Meetings: Board meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month.

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Padrino's Bistro, Italian Steakhouse & Pizzeria: 2452 Kuser Road, Hamilton Township, NJ 08690

Contact: newjerseydotra@gmail.com

Service Milestones

40 Years of Service

Jayantkuma Khetani

35Years of Service

Edward Pretko Susan M. Weber

30 Years of Service

Mario Bellusci

25 Years of Service

Scott A. Ainsley Michael D. Cushman Charles F. Dankel
Robert R. Klinger Todd S. Kropilak Michael R. Large
Anthony L. Manley James J. Motley Joseph Nasatka
Simon O. Nwachukwu Kamalavath Ravishankar Michael S. Ritchie
Walter P. Simpson Steven Steinmetz

Employee Retirements December 2024

44 Years of Service
Joseph Devita, Sr.

34 Years of Service
Edward Pretko

26 Years of Service
Lisa Yunkunis

25 Years of Service
Sandra Blick
Edmund Casey
Charles Isiadinso

22 Years of Service
Bruce Greenwood

20 Years of Service
Hasmukhbhai Patel

16 Years of Service
Ruben Puente

12 Years of Service
Edward Pretko

7 Years of Service
George Spadaccini